

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 19, 2008 was received and reviewed in detail. Claims 18-29 were withdrawn from consideration in a previous response for being directed to a non-elected invention.

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2008, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, claims 1-4, 8 and 10, which read on Species A. Claims 5-7, 9 and 11-17 are withdrawn from consideration for being directed to a non-elected invention.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-3 are generic with respect to Species A-D. Furthermore, claims 5-7 and 9 depend from independent claims 1-3, and further limit the scope of independent claims 1-3. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that claims 5-7 and 9 be rejoined and examined on the merits, or allowed when independent claims 1-3 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney/agent to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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